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SUBJECT: SCHMIDT-JORGENSEN DISCUSSIONS, FEBRUARY 11:
EC PREPARATIONS FOR "SUMMIT" AND FISHERIES
PROBIEMS

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 1436, (B) THE HAGUE 738

1. DANISH PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN VISITED BONN ON
FEBRUARY 11 FOR A TWO-HOUR MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR
SCHMIDT. AN INFORMED CHANCELLERY OFFICIAL (THIELE)
GAVE EMBOFF A RUNDOWN OF SUBJECTS TAKEN UP BY THE TWO
LEADERS. HE EXPLAINED THAT ONE OF THE PRIME REASONS
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FOR THIS VISIT WAS TO GIVE A SLIGHT BOOST TO
JORGENSEN'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN, BUT THAT THE VISIT
DID PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF
VIEWS. SCHMIDT AND JORGENSEN HELD BOTH A TETE-A-TETE
DISCUSSION AND AN OFFICIAL MEETING IN WHICH MINISTERS
FROM BOTH GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATED. THE OFFICIAL PART
OF THE DISCUSSIONS FOCUSED ON THE INTERNATIONAL

ECONOMIC SITUATION, PREPARATIONS FOR THE "SUMMIT" AND EC FISHERIES POLICY. IN THE TETE-A-TETE MEETING, JORGENSEN AND SCHMIDT EXCHANGED COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION WITHIN THEIR OWN PARTIES AND THEIR COALITION GOVERNMENTS.

2. EC FISHERIES POLICY TOOK UP MOST OF THE TIME FOR THE OFFICIAL DISCUSSION. THE CHIEF ISSUES WERE CONTROL OF SOVIET FISHING IN EC WATERS AND THE U.S. CLAIM TO JURISDICTION OVER SALMON ORIGINATING IN U.S. WATERS, BUT WHICH ARE CAUGHT OFF THE COAST OF GREENLAND. IN VIEW OF DENMARK'S INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING EC JURISDICTION OVER THIS SALMON FISHING, JORGENSEN WANTED TO MAINTAIN THE DANISH RESERVATION AGAINST CONCLUSION OF THE U.S.-EC FISHERIES AGREEMENT. SCHMIDT URGED HIM TO DROP DENMARK'S RESERVATION, ARGUING THAT THE COMMUNITY MUST MAKE RAPID PROGRESS IN RESOLVING THE VARIOUS EXTERNAL AS WELL AS INTERNAL FISHERIES ISSUES WHICH ARE STILL OUTSTANDING. JORGENSEN AGREED TO DROP THE DANISH RESERVATION.

3. IN THEIR DISCUSSION OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE "SUMMIT", JORGENSEN ARGUED THAT THE EC MUST BE REPRESENTED SO THAT THE SMALLER EC MEMBERS WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO HAVE THEIR VIEWS HEARD IN THE "SUMMIT" DISCUSSIONS. WHILE SCHMIDT WAS SYMPATHETIC, THIS DISCUSSION DID NOT LEAD TO FIRM AGREEMENT ON HOW THE EC SHOULD BE REPRESENTED. THIELE EXPLAINED THAT THE CHANCELLOR DOES NOT WANT TO HAVE HIS HANDS TIED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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SOME KIND OF FIRM COMMUNITY MANDATE OR POSITION. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FRG WANTS TO ENSURE THAT THE SMALLER COUNTRIES LIKE THE NETHERLANDS AND DENMARK WILL NOT BREAK WITH THE POSITIONS ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES TAKEN BY THE LARGER COUNTRIES AT THE "SUMMIT" AND ADOPT INSTEAD A MORE FORTHCOMING STANCE IN THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. THIELE INDICATED THAT PREPARATIONS FOR THE "SUMMIT" WILL BE THE MAJOR ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 25-26 EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING. THE FRG WILL TRY TO OBTAIN A CONSENSUS FOR THE "SUMMIT" DISCUSSION OF NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES WHICH WILL ON THE ONE HAND COMMIT THE SMALLER EC COUNTRIES TO A COMMON EC STANCE, WHILE ON THE OTHER HAND ALLOWING THE MAJOR COUNTRIES SOMEWHAT OF A FREE HAND AT THE "SUMMIT" ITSELF.

4. FOREGOING DRAFTED PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF COPENHAGEN 952.
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